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Letter dated 13 May 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention a serious matter arising out of an advertisement published in the Turkish-Cypriot newspaper Cyprus Today dated 6 April 1996 (see annex). The advertisement reveals a new provocative act on the part of the Turkish occupation forces in Cyprus to sell the Byzantine Church of Panagia Chrysotrimithiotissa at the occupied village of Trimithi. According to the advertisement, Keskin and Smith Estate Agents is selling the Church for £32,500.

The Church of Panagia Chrysotrimithiotissa belongs to the Bishopric of Kyrenia and it dates back to the middle-Byzantine period. In 1974, the Church was included in a list of other monuments to be listed by the Government as ancient monuments.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus has brought to your attention repeated acts of sacrilege and vandalism of churches and monasteries in the part of Cyprus occupied by Turkey since 1974 in order to stop Turkey's systematic efforts to erase the Greek cultural heritage in the occupied part of Cyprus.

This new development is yet another example of the existence of a premeditated plan by the Turkish occupying power to change the demographic structure of the occupied area by importing thousands of illegal settlers from Anatolia, Turkey, and to eradicate the cultural heritage of the indigenous Greek Cypriot population in that area.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus strongly protests over this illegal, sacrilegious and condemnable act, and requests that the United Nations proceed expeditiously to take the necessary measures to promptly prevent its realization.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 55 and 112, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nicos AGATHOCLEOUS
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Cyprus
to the United Nations

A. Advertisement published in Cyprus Today on 6 April 1996

KESKIN & SMITH

ESTATE AGENTS

THE BRITISH/TURKISH CYPRIOT PARTNERSHIP WITH
10 YEARS' REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE IN THE TRNC

PHONE: (From UK 00 90 392) 8157118
EVENINGS: 8222513 / 8218598

FAX: (From UK 00 90 392) 8157119
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1. Two recently renovated town houses in quiet area of Upper Girne. Furnished. Two bedrooms & one bedroom.
£400 monthly for the two on annual lease

2. 40 donums land in Lapta.
Only £2,000 / donum

3. Old ruin in Karşıyaka in one donum. Lovely views.
£18,000

4. Old house in Lapta for renovation. Long lease
£9,500

12. Choice of houses behind Girne old harbour. Lovely restoration projects.
Prices from £30,000

13. See below.

14. Old coffee shop with stone arches. Long lease. Lower Lapta. Restoration project to make lovely dwelling.
£7,000

15. One donum English land below Karaman village. Roads and services.
£12,500

17. Newly-built freehold villa with spectacular views in Karaman.
£50,000

18. Freehold one-bedroom village house in Karaman.
£32,000

19. Large selection of apartments to buy or rent.

20. Three-bedroom freehold villa in Karaoğlanoğlu.
£50,000

Villa and bungalow plans available for clients wishing to build their holiday and/or retirement home.

Typical example under present construction: three-bedroom 140m² villa with garage. Quality bathrooms and kitchens, fireplace. High insulation factor. Courtyard and landscaped garden.
£36,000 including plans.

Contracts controlled by architects' valuations and inspections and payments made through lawyers.

We are currently involved in freehold villa with 25. 3.5 donums on sea

lease. £3,000

several restoration projects using a British architect based here and contractors who are experienced in this type of construction.

5. Choice of old houses in Upper Girne. From £16,000

6. House on beach at Karakum. £65,000

7. Bungalow with swimming pool at Boğaz. £90,000

8. Large villa at Edremit with pool. £100,000

9. 8 donums by main Lefkoşa road. £160,000

10. Leasehold houses in Karaman. Prices from £24,000

11. Choice of four restaurants for sale in Girne and Karaman. Prices from £50,000

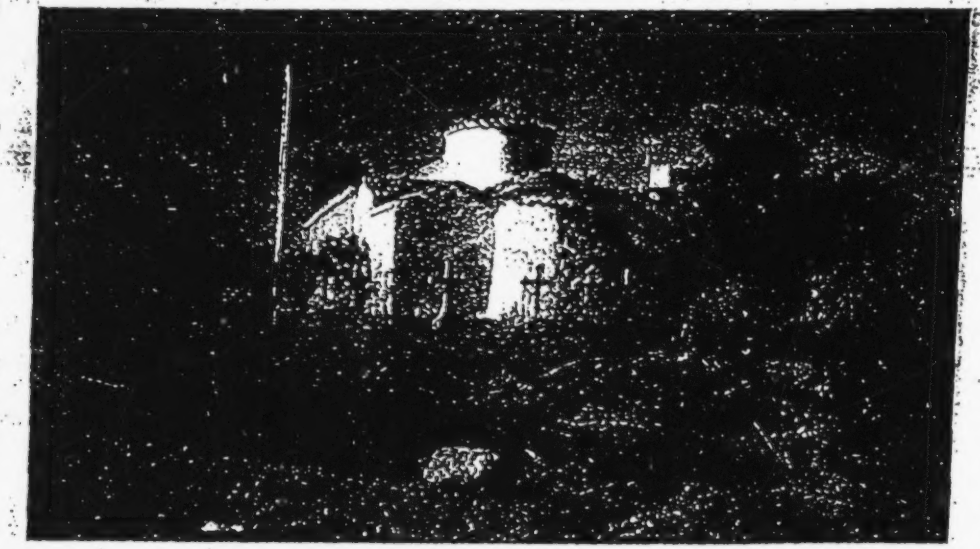
16. Selection of building plots below Karaman to be offered for sale at £14,000 each

21. Four-bedroom freehold villa near sea. £95,000

22. Three-bedroom adjacent small house near sea in Karaoğlanoğlu. £90,000

23. 37 donums land in Karaman. £75,000

24. 1.5 donums land in Karaman. £14,000



Call in at our office on the main road as you proceed towards Jasmine Court Hotel (opposite the road to Zeytinlik) for your complimentary property lists and information sheets on Northern Cyprus. Associate offices throughout the United Kingdom.

13. Leasehold church. Fully restored and used as a picture gallery/craft centre. Lovely position below Edr[illegible]it village. £32,500

at Çatalköy £55,000

26. Choice of plots below Karşıyaka on the beach. Approx. one donum each. £20,000

27. 41 donums near shoreline at Çatalköy. £150,000

28. 11 donums English land on sea. Lapta. £130,000

29. 21 donums lovely land above Zeytinlik. Turkish title. Roads, services, super views. £140,000 ONO

30. Choice of shops on High Street in Girne.

31. Building plot near Papillon restaurant. Basement construction complete. Full planning paid for 24 flats and four shops. Sales price only £80,000

32. New shop overlooking new harbour. £35,000

B. **S T A T E M E N T**

It is hereby stated that the Church building and site of Panayia Chrysotrimithiotissa belongs to Ay. Charalambos Church, Trimithi village which is attached to the Holy See of Kyrenia. It is situated on plot 510/1 of the Government Survey Plan XII/18.E.1 of Trimithi village.

2. It is also stated that the surrounding plots 510/2, 511, 512, 513, 514 and 516 also belong to the same church.

3. The aformentioned church and church site are coloured red and the surrounding plots are coloured yellow on the attached Survey Plan marked A.

4. Details of ownership are described on the attached Certificate (Form N323) marked B.

COSTAS MAYIROU
DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER
KYRENIA

6/5/96

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C. DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEYS FORM N323

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP
OF TURKISH OCCUPIED IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

IDENTITY CARD/IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 5-509358
OWNER'S NAME : CHURCH OF AGIOS CHARALAMBOS

S.N.	DISTRICT	TOWN/VILLAGE LOCALITY	SHEET/PLAN-BLOCK PLOT PROPERTY	SHARE - EXTENT Sq.M.	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE
1.	KYRENIA	TRIMITHI LOCALITY: CHRYSOTRIMITHIOTISSA	XII/18 PLOT: 510/1 CHURCH	WHOLE - 0:0:481	-
2.	KYRENIA	TRIMITHI LOCALITY: CHRYSOTRIMITHIOTISSA	XII/18 PLOT: 510/2 HOUSE AND YARD	WHOLE - 0:0:216	-
3.	KYRENIA	TRIMITHI LOCALITY: CHRYSOTRIMITHIOTISSA	XII/18 PLOT: 511 FIELD	WHOLE - 2:6:264	-
4.	KYRENIA	TRIMITHI LOCALITY: CHRYSOTRIMITHIOTISSA	XII/18 PLOT: 512 FIELD AND TREES	WHOLE - 0:1:254	2021-8/5/69
5.	KYRENIA	TRIMITHI LOCALITY: CHRYSOTRIMITHIOTISSA	XII/18 PLOT: 513 FIELD	WHOLE - 0:0:680	-
6.	KYRENIA	TRIMITHI LOCALITY: CHRYSOTRIMITHIOTISSA	XII/18 PLOT: 514 FIELD	WHOLE - 0:0:794	-
7.	KYRENIA	TRIMITHI LOCALITY: CHRYSOTRIMITHIOTISSA	XII/18 PLOT: 516 FIELD	WHOLE - 0:0:237	-
8.	KYRENIA	TRIMITHI LOCALITY: IN THE VILLAGE	XII/18.V.1 PLOT: 40 CHURCH	WHOLE - 0:0:361	-

Date: 6 May, 1996.

Note: The present document is issued in accordance with section 10 (2) of the District Lands Offices Famagusta and Kyrenia (Temporary Provisions) Laws of 1984 - 1990 (No. 44/84, 51/85 and 78/90)

District Land Officer
Kyrenia

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Church
Kyparissi
Haji Ismailis
Skotomenos